

3 January 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 January 1966

Mr. Helms was in the chair as Acting DCI.

R. J. Smith reported that public statements issued by North Vietnam show no change in its position concerning the war and negotiations. Smith also noted Castro's speech last night in which he cited the end of a Cuban-ChiCom rice-for-sugar trade agreement and thus indicated an end of the Cuban romance with the ChiComs.

Sheldon reported that the Turks now insist that the issues involved in peripheral reconnaissance operations in the Turkey area be discussed at Government-to-Government level. Technical study of this problem has caused slippage in technical questions involved in the problem of coordination of U. S. technical intelligence collection []

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Houston reported that he will be in Boston tomorrow to discuss liquidation details []

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DD/S&T reported on the loss of an OXCART at [] on 29 December. The pilot survived without injury, and there was no camera loss since none was aboard. The loss does not affect our commitment to deployment. Operational capability remains. Certain equipment aboard the lost aircraft had been installed in a faulty manner, and this reflects a management problem belonging to Lockheed. DD/S&T indicated that there are several actions to be taken, and it was agreed that he would meet with Mr. Helms and DD/S later today.

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Executive Director reported on several new Agency appointments effective today. [] is Director of Research and Reports, and [] is his Deputy. Richardson is Director of Training, and [] is his Deputy. []

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Mr. Helms inquired about and was briefed by DD/P on the current case of a

The Department is in communication with the Ambassador.

Mr. Helms noted that the DCI will be in town this evening and will want to meet with the Deputies and other senior officers in the course of the day tomorrow.

L. K. White

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